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In re Application of:

Alan L. GREENER et al.

Application No.: 10/800,389

Filed: March 12, 2004

For: HIGHLY TRANSFORMABLE
BACTERIAL CELLS AND
METHODS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME

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RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 14, 2005 ("Action"). The period for reply has been extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,706,525.